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SUBJECT: ZAIRIAN/ANGOLAN RELATIONS

REFS: A) KINSHASA 266; B) KINSHASA 142

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ESPECIALLY ANY OF FMS-ORIGIN, AS SUCH INTERFERENCE IN

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